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REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAM

Dear Sir:

In response to the Decision of the Board of 12/11/08, please amend this application as follows:

In the claims: As per the attached claim sheet.

REMARKS

Re Claim Amendments

In Response to the Decision of the Board of Patent Appeals on December 11, 2008 applicant files this Request for Continuing Exam.

The claims are amended as per the attached amended claim sheet. The pending claims are claims 1-42. System claim 1 and method claim 22 are the independent claims.

Applicant amends the claims in light of the Decision of the Board, both to clarify claim issues and to argue in light of the holdings newly based upon *KSR*.

In Particular – In Re §112 Issues

Claims 21 and 36 have been amended to omit reference to “more than simply geographic.” The specification references indicators of “city, state, region or nation” in paragraph [0006].

The phrase “cutting edge technology” has been replaced by “website enhancement technology,” claim 18 and claim 38. Such technology is referenced, for instance, in paragraph [0136].

In Re Independent Claims

Independent claims 1 and 22 have been amended to recite that the upper level directory provider references “hundreds” of independently owned, for-profit category directory websites. (Prior reference to “hundreds” of independently owned category websites was found in original claim 19.) (Dependent claims 29 and 41 further recite that the “hundreds” includes “thousands,” as per original claim 41.)